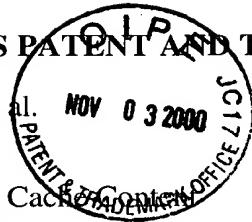


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In re Application of: John C. Thacker et al.
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For: Method and Apparatus for Internet Cache Content Delivery Via a Data Distribution System



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AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 15, 2000, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification of the above-identified patent application as follows.

At page 2, line 23, delete "64"; and
at page 5, line 12, delete "gate way" and substitute therefor -- gateway--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following Claims as indicated.

5. (Amended) The system recited in Claim 1 wherein the gateway comprises:
a pseudo client for receiving an entitlement message indicating that that content has arrived at the gateway, for enabling the gateway as a sibling cache for the local cache, for requesting content to be transferred from the sibling cache to the local cache, for verifying that content has been transferred to the local cache during the transfer process, for disabling the gateway as a sibling cache of the local cache at the completion of the process;
and wherein the local cache retrieves [56] the content from the sibling cache until all content has been transferred.

6. (Amended) The [method] system recited in Claim 5 wherein the Internet Protocol is used to communicate between the local cache and the sibling cache.

7. (Amended) The [method] system recited in Claim 5 wherein the Internet Cache Protocol is used to communicate between the local cache and the sibling cache.